



APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL Vacant General Seat D

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Do you live in the Springfield City Limits? Yes ☒ No _____ If yes, how long? 17 years

Previous employers and positions Springfield Public Schools - gifted
education - middle school teacher Springfield Catholic
Schools - elementary/middle school teacher

Special Qualifications Because of my background in private & public education, and
activities I have been involved in, my acquaintances span across the city: that
gives me a head start over many other candidates for General Seat D.

Educational Background Drury University - BA - Elem. Ed - 1970; Graduate
hours - education - over 15 hours; Gifted Education
Certification - Drury University

Community activities and offices held P.E.O International Chapter President; Phelps
Neighborhood Assoc. Executive Committee; NAACP. MLK, Jr Day - Student Contest Comm;
Greene County Bar Assoc - Liberty Bell Award; LAD Fair Executive Comm.; MO
Scholars Academy - Educator Recognition Awards; Student Relay for Life - faculty

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Please attach resume.

Signature: Jane B. Sellars

Date: April 24, 2017

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WORK EXPERIENCE

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Springfield, MO

Gifted Education - teacher, Nov 1999 – May 2014

Communication Arts teacher for 40 to 45 gifted middle school students main-streamed into Central High School.

Collaborated with students' high school teachers to monitor their progress

Provided rigorous training in all facets of language arts to ensure every student was ready for advanced class work.

Collaborated with Scholars' Program faculty, enacting an ever-changing critical thinking curriculum for middle school students

Scholars' Program department head for several years at Central High School.

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, Springfield, MO

Elementary School Teacher, Sep 1977 – Jun 1995

Taught both elementary and middle school classes at St. Agnes School

EDUCATION

Drury University, Springfield, MO

BA-Elementary Education, May 1970

Drury University, Springfield, MO

Certification in Gifted Education

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

I am a very organized individual who isn't afraid of hard work and long hours. I am a capable leader with numerous skills in planning and executing events. I work and play well with others, and I have an amiable disposition

Monday, April 24, 2017

To: City of Springfield City Council Members

There is a seat on Springfield's City Council that is empty right now, and I am willing and able to fill that seat for the remainder of Mr. McClure's term. I believe a General D seat takes a person who has a grasp of the magnitude and diversity of the people and the makeup of the city who reside and work in that area, and I believe I have the knowledge and background to represent all those individuals on City Council. What I don't know or totally understand at this point, I am willing to give the time to research and ask questions, as well as listen, to gain the expertise I would need to carry on the work that Mr. McClure has so selflessly given to our great city.

I came to this city an astonishing 51 years ago to attend Drury College from St. Louis County, and fell in love with the Queen City and the surrounding Ozarks that has lasted a lifetime. Receiving my teaching degree, I have devoted my life to helping young people realize their dreams, help them over the rough spots in their lives, and give them the tools they need to go out into the world as thinking, viable individuals of society. It has been a profession that I truly love and am so grateful for all the diverse lives that have touched me over nearly 40 years in education. That knowledge is what I bring to the table. I have learned over the years how to work with a diverse group of ever-changing individuals, to listen to the everyday problems and aspirations of many, and to come up with solutions that helped make their lives more successful.

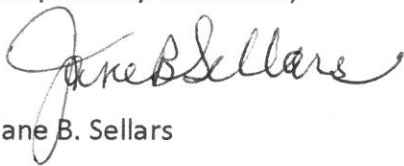
My commitment and background is rooted in Springfield, Missouri, and I want to do my part to help create solutions that will be impactful and just for all our citizens. I firmly believe that compassion and knowledge are the keys to a contented life. No matter how different we each may be, we all want and need the same things: a safe haven in our daily lives, a good, productive job that helps us care for our families, schools and technical vocational institutions to give us the tools we need, and a community that works together to preserve the heritage of all those who came before us.

Community service and various activities have kept me busy over the years. For over 15 years in the eighties and nineties, Saturday mornings were devoted to tabulating results at running races in Springfield and the surrounding area. When the Statue of Liberty in New York's Harbor was undergoing renovation, I organized a bicycle ride for students of our Catholic Schools to raise money for that cause. Yearly trips to Jefferson City have been a pet project of mine for over 25 years, giving students the experience of seeing our state government at work. On Law Day 1985, I was honored to be the recipient of the Liberty Bell Award from the Greene County Bar Association. At Central High School, I was the faculty advisor for Relay for Life, put on

entirely by high school students throughout Springfield – staying up all night on a football field or in a gymnasium full of teenagers is an experience all adults should have! As a young adult I worked with my sorority at Drury as an advisor, and at various times I have been involved in fund-raising for the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Mid America Chapter of ALS. Over the last several years, I have become very involved in my local P.E.O. chapter which supports the continued education and support of women throughout the world. Professionally, I have been an active member of NEA and MRTA. Since retirement, I have helped develop the expansion of the NAACP's yearly Martin Luther King, Jr. Day student contests honoring Dr. King's legacy of peace and justice.

All of this is a part of me, and if I have learned anything in my life, I have learned that there are very seldom any black and white answers to our issues and problems – the areas are often filled with varying shades of grey, and as productive, caring people, we must search for the answers that will best serve all of us, not just a few. This is the philosophy and knowledge I will bring to the Council table. I would be very humbled if chosen, but rest assured I will come with an attitude of confidence, perseverance, and respect for the people I am willing to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jane B. Sellars". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jane B. Sellars